



BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel Sarefield, Chairman

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MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of License Commissioners was held on January 22, 2020 in the Fitchburg Fire Department Conference Room, 33 North St., Fitchburg, and called to order by Commissioner Sarefield at 6:00 P.M. Commissioner Boscardin were present. FPD Liaison Lieutenant Howe was present.

I. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from the previous meeting of January 6, 2020 were reviewed and signed.

I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

II. APPLICATIONS

Special One Day License – All Alcoholic Beverages

Fitchburg Lions Club, 14 Wallace Avenue, for a Party-Fundraiser, from 4PM to 10PM on Saturday, March 7, 2020 for 150 people at O'Neill Hall for the Worcester Emerald Society.

Mr. Schaff was present. Approved 2/0

Fitchburg Lions Club, 14 Wallace Avenue, for a Party, from 4PM to 8PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 for 100 people at O'Neill Hall for the Senior Center St. Patrick Day Party.

Mr. Schaff requested that the number of persons attending be amended to 400-500. Amended application approved 2/0

Special One Day License – Wine and Malt Beverages

Fitchburg State University, 160 Pearl Street, Hammond Campus Center, for a Formal/Dinner, from 5PM to 10PM on Friday, March 20, 2020 for 100 people at the Hammond Main Lounge/Tower Lounge.

Mr. Flanagan was present. Approved 2/0

Special One Day License – Wine and Malt Beverages

Madonna of the Holy Rosary/Dr. Paul A. Migliozi, 118 Theresa Street, for Annual Lenten Fish Fry, from 4PM to 6:30PM on multiple Fridays: February 28th, March 6th, March 13th, March 20th, March 27th, April 3rd for 200 people at the Church Hall.

Dr. Migliozi was present. FPD noted that this is an annual event and supports the application. Approved 2/0

Taxi Driver Applications - NEW

Frank C. Davis – City Cab (renewal)
Mr. Davis was present. Approved 2/0

Kenneth G. Gerace, Jr. – Twin City Kab
Mr. Gerace was present. Approved 2/0

Tammy Lees. – Twin City Kab
Ms. Lees was present. Approved 2/0

Ernest J. Smith, III – Twin City Kab
In order to discuss certain particulars of the license, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session from 6:18 – 6:23 PM.
Mr. Smith was present. Approved for two year license with a review of status in January 2021.
Approved 2/0

Monday through Saturday Entertainment Permit

1. Fitchburg Historical Society, 781 Main Street, for live acoustic music on Saturday, January 25th from 1PM – 4PM.
Applicant had requested that this application be given Leave to Withdraw. Leave to Withdraw
Approved 2/0
2. Partner's Pub, 970 South Street, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, and karaoke.
(Amend current approval from Wednesday, Friday, Saturday to Monday through Saturday)
Mr. Dickhaut was present. Updated Entertainment Permit Approved 2/0

TRANSFER OF LICENSE: Transfer Application for Annual Restaurant on Premise, All Alcoholic Beverages License

Blazin Wings Inc., dba Buffalo Wild Wings, 150 Whalon Street
Attorney Michael Brangwynne was present for the Applicant. Application was accepted and referred to a public hearing to be held on February 19, 2020.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Application for Retail General on Premise, All Alcoholic Beverages License

The Graham Witherspoon Companies, LLC, dba Kingston Island Cuisine, 480 & 488 Main Street
Christopher and Deborah Graham, owners, as well as Ted Lappis, owner of the building were present. Hearing was opened and a review of the application was discussed. The notices were sent out for this hearing thereby giving the abutters the required opportunity to comment on the application. The Chair invited anyone in the audience to speak. Mariris Davis, resident of 187 Fairmount Street, City Councilor Beth Walsh, and Mary Jo Bohart, City of Fitchburg Economic Development all spoke in support of the application. Chief Martineau reminded the applicants that Main Street would be eventually a two-way street, and that they should review their plans for loading areas. No one else requested to speak. Hearing closed and application approved 2/0

IV. DISCUSSIONS

1. Fingerprinting Ordinance, City of Fitchburg
Chief Martineau was present to explain the approval of the new Fingerprinting Ordinance within the City of Fitchburg, and how it would affect the License Commission in the future. He noted that it would be beneficial for the Commissioners and City Clerk to attend iCORI training.

He stated that he was working to put procedures in place in order to manage the new Ordinance and that this required approval from the FBI. He added that the additional measure would allow the License Commission, and the City, to have better assurances that when instituted, they would have better knowledge that the applicants were vetted completely. The Clerk will forward information to the Commission regarding signing up for the iCORI system and training.

2. Lodging House updated application and correspondence

Councilor Beth Walsh, Chair of Legislative Affairs, attended the meeting in order to discuss how the draft Application for Short Term Rentals and Lodging Houses had been the efforts of many different departments, including Building, Fire, Housing, the Board of Health, and the City Solicitor. She mentioned that the application helps to legitimize the lodging establishments. She noted that there is a one-time fee for the application and then a yearly inspection fee for the premises. Commissioner Sarefield asked that Liz Murphy, Director of Housing and Development, be invited to attend the next License Commission meeting in order to discuss the issue further.

3. Email/discussion regarding satellite radio and 65 TVs.

Commissioner Sarefield noted that as a license for this type of entertainment was not already required, the Commission would not need to discuss it further.

4. Email/discussion regarding Beemer's Pub

Mary Jo Bohart, City of Fitchburg Economic Development, was present to speak about her conversation with Mr. Cote and to note that it appeared that equipment had already been taken from the premises. She stated that the lien holders for the establishment had been contacted and that she was hopeful that with their intervention, the business might be sold and bring in new owners.

V. NEW BUSINESS

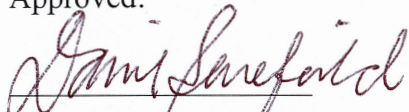
Lieutenant Howe mentioned that he will check with Chief Martineau regarding future handling of CORI applications with regard to the License Commission.


The meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

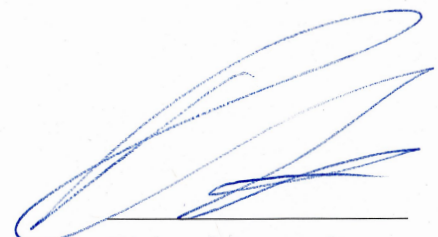
Respectfully submitted,

Mary de Alderete, City Clerk

Approved:


Daniel Sarefield, Chair


Glenn Fossa


Richard Boscardin